## Autumn (1) 2025 Newsletter



## Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the start of the new academic year 2025/2026. I hope you have had an enjoyable and restful break. It has been lovely to see the children return and settle back into the daily routines. Children in EYFS, who started this week, have also made an excellent start to the year so well done to them too.

The hard work to get this year off to a brilliant start has already begun and in doing so we of course aim to ensure the high quality of education we offer and standards we achieve, continue to be maintained.

Last week, the children enjoyed three days of 'Celebrating the Arts' — a great introduction to their first few days after the summer break. We had a number of artists working with the children on one day whilst some children went to the local gallery to take part in workshops. Children across the school engaged in design/technology projects and created some amazing items. We also provided the children with musical experiences throughout a day. I am sure the children would have told you all about their wonderful experiences.

I would also like to mention that the new phonics/early reading approach called Little Wandle, which we introduced last year, was successfully implemented across Early Years and KS1. This year our staff will continue with further training on different elements and we will be providing more workshops for parents to attend, the aim being to help parents with them supporting children's learning at home, particularly with reading.

We are delighted to announce that our **enrichment programme** which takes place each Tuesday, after school, is being extended so that we can offer different activities such as a sports club for our Year 5/6 pupils, with other year groups having the opportunity to participate during the year. Further information will be sent out soon. The enrichment programme for Autumn 1 starts on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Trips/visits/visitors to school to broaden children's learning experiences and make learning fun and enjoyable are continually being explored so be assured that your child will have access to a wide range of opportunities, here at Salisbury.

The 'A' Stars programme that we are involved in also begins soon so we will be contacting you about the different ways in which the children and parents can participate, so please look out for the information.

Our residential trip for Year 6 pupils in July 2025 was extremely successful so we are looking at offering it again for our current Year 6 pupils, but much sooner. Further information will follow and if your child is in Year 6 you will be invited to attend a parent workshop regarding the trip, very soon.





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We will be appointing our School Council members and House Team Captains and Vice-Captains this half term – the children are so excited about the elections taking place in school this week. They look forward to the fact that they are able to engage in discussions and conversations that have an impact across the school.

We would like to welcome our new staff members who have joined us this September and wish them the very best as they begin their time here at Salisbury.

We look forward to working with you for the coming academic year, which once again, I am certain, will be excellent.

Mrs N. Matharu

**Executive Headteacher** 

## What's happening this half term?

Thursday 11th September
Friday 12th September
Thursday 18th September
Monday 29th September
Thursday 2nd October
Wednesday 8th October
Friday 24th October

Year 6 Bikability (letters sent home)
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AStars sheriff training
Individual school photographs
Census day meal
Year 2 trip to Black Country Museum
Inset Day
Parent consultations—more information to

follow.

Reminder

All money must be handed in to your child's class teacher in a named envelope with class, amount and description clearly identified. Dinner money must be paid on a Monday for the following week.

We would like to see as many children enjoying school meals, our menu is available online or from the school office.

Children who are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for universal free school meals and do not need to pay.

For all those who are not eligible for Free School Meals beyond year 2, please pay £2.30 in a sealed envelope with the name of your child clearly displayed on it should they have a school meal.